Supply of PFAD in drams to samall Scale units by STC.

296. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the' Minister of COMMERCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether a memorandum dated the 28th September, 1989 has been received from Tamil Nadu Small Scale Soap and Detergent Manufacturers' Association, Mad ras protesting against change in the policy of STC in respect of supply- of Policy Fatty Acid Derivatives in drums which will cause untold hardships to the small scale units; and

■(b) if so, what steps Government propose to review the policy and save the small scale units from severe inconvenience)?

THE MINISTER OF COMMERCE AND TOURISM (SHRI ARUN KUMAR NEHRU): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) With a view toconserve foreign ex change, the Government had during the year 1987-88 decidetf. to gradually in--crease the import of PFAD in bulk as it is cheaper than importing in drums.

Cloure of Raigarh Jute Mill

2974. SHRI SAMAR MUKHERJEE: Will the Minister of TEXTILES 'be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Raigarh Jute Mill is closed since 26th June, . 1939 rendering 1500 workers, jobless; and

(b) whether representations have been received from the workers for Government intervention to reopen the mill; if soy what are the details of action taken in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES, WITH ADDITIONAL CHARGE OF THE MINISTRY OF FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES (SHRI SHARAD YADAV): (a) and (b) Raigarh Jute Mill which was closed down on 26th June 1989 has reopened with effect from 13th September, **1989.**

Non plan expenditure gap payable to Govt of Jammu and Kashmir

298. SHRI SHABBIR AHMAD SALA. RIA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state;

| (a) whether in 1988-89 the non-plan ! expenditure gap was about rupees 1. 22 cro-res which is payable to the State of Jammu f and Kashmir but the same has not been released; and

' (b) if so, by when it is 'likely to be . released?

I THE MINISTER OF " FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) and (b) In 1988-89 as against the initial
ly approved Central assistance of Rs. 516. 52 crires, including Rs. 66. 52 crores for
I covering gap in non-plan expenditure, the amount actually released was Rs. 521. 97 crores, including Rs. 81. 81 crores **for** covering non-plan expenditure. No further
j assistance is due to the State Government for 1988-89.

Waiving of loans to Government servants

299. SHRI SOHAN LAL DHUSIYA: Will The Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to waive the loans of Government servants as, proposed to be done in the case farmers-

(b) whether it is a fact that as per a recent survey conducted by the Department of Personnel Public Grievance's and Pen-sions through the Welfare Officers it was found that most of the Government ser vants were. under debt one way or the other; and

(c) if so, what remedial measures Government propose to take in the matter? '

THE MINISTER OF FINANCE (PROF. MADHU DANDAVATE): (a) No, Sir.

■ (b) No such survey was conducted by the Department of Personnel and Train ing.

(c) Does not arise.